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TESTER

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RESPONSE

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 20, 2007. In the Office Action, all pending claims 18-21, 23-31 and 33-36 were rejected. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 18-20, 24-30 and 34-36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) based on Hallberg, U.S. Patent No. 5,712,553, in view of Ehiro, U.S. Patent No. 5,970,074, and further in view of Fuse, U.S. Patent No. 5,343,083.

Claims 18, which is directed to a power tester, features “a multi-voltage power source having a first voltage output, which is capable of supplying a plurality of selectable voltage levels for a constant power supply voltage at a nominal power supply voltage of an electronic device,” “circuitry configured to introduce controllable disturbances into the constant power supply voltage,” and “an additional power source having a second voltage output, which is capable of supplying an additional voltage level that is different from the plurality of selectable voltage levels.” (Emphasis Added.)

The Office Action states that Hallberg (column 11, lines 1-15) shows a “multi-voltage power source” and an “additional power source” as featured by claim 1. This section of Hallberg is included below: